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SUBJECT: CABLE HIGHLIGHTS FOR OCTOBER 6

FOLLOWING ARE CABLE HIGHLIGHTS FOR 0800-1600 OCTOBER 6.

1. SMITH/KAUNDA MEETING TAKES LUSAKA BY STORM

NEWS OF THE VISIT OF RHODESIAN PRIME MINISTER SMITH TO LUSAKA HAS GENERATED WIDESPREAD SPECULATION OVER THE MOTIVATIONS AND RESULTS OF THE MEETING AND CONSIDERABLE CRITICISM OF ZAMBIAN PRESIDENT KAUNDA FOR MEETING CLANDESTINELY WITH SMITH. EMBASSY LUSAKA WARNS AGAINST ANY US EXPRESSIONS OF SUPPORT OR APPROVAL OF THE VISIT, AND RECOMMENDS THAT WE MAKE IT QUITE CLEAR THAT THE VISIT WAS NOT PART OF NEGOTIATIONS DEALING WITH THE ANGLO-AMERICAN PROPOSAL. (LUSAKA 3029, CONFIDENTIAL)

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2. AND INTRODUCING....

REPORTS FROM THE MOSCOW AND BELGRADE RUMOR MILLS INDICATE THAT 76-YEAR OLD VASILY KUZNETSOV WILL BE THE NEW FIRST DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF THE PRESIDUM OF THE SUPREME SOVIET. SOVIET RUMOR MONGERS REPORT THAT KUZNETSOV WILL HAVE NO REAL POLITICAL POWER AND THAT HIS DUTIES WILL

BE LARGELY CEREMONIAL. (MOSCOW 14617, CONFIDENTIAL/
BELGRADE 6750 LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

3. MEDIA REACTION TO CARTER-KYPRIANOU MEETING

IN PROMINENT AND LARGELY FAVORABLE COVERAGE, THE CYPRIOT
MEDIA HAVE CHARACTERIZED THE MEETING BETWEEN PRESIDENTS
CARTER AND KYPRIANOU AT THE UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY AS
SERIOUS AND SUBSTANTIVE AND HAVE SINGLED OUT TURKISH
INTRANSIGENCE AS THE ROADBLOCK TO THE RESUMPTION OF
INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS. (NICOSIA 2632, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

4. CHURCH-STATE RELATIONS IN CHILE ON THE MEND

CHURCH-STATE RELATIONS HAVE TAKEN A SLIGHT TURN FOR THE
BETTER IN CHILE. THE CATHOLIC CHURCH SEES AN IMPROVED
HUMAN RIGHTS PICTURE AND CONSIDERS A PRIVATE, CONSTRUCTIVE
DIALOGUE WITH THE GOVERNMENT MORE PRODUCTIVE THAN ITS
OFTEN CONTENTIOUS PUBLIC DECLARATIONS OF THE PAST.
(SANTIAGO 8238, CONFIDENTIAL)

5. WEIZMAN'S PIQUE

THE ISRAELI DEFENSE MINISTER TOLD AMBASSADOR LEWIS HE WAS
GREATLY DISAPPOINTED WITH THE RESULTS OF THE MEETING OF
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THE MIXED ARMISTICE COMMISSION, DISMAYED AT THE PRESENCE
OF UN OFFICIALS, AND ANNOYED AT THE ATTITUDE OF THE
LEBANESE REPRESENTATIVE. AMBASSADOR LEWIS SENSED THAT
WEIZMAN'S PIQUE HAD AS MUCH TO DO WITH THE ATTITUDE
OF THE LEBANESE COLONEL AS IT DID WITH THE SUBSTANCE
OF THE DISCUSSION. (TEL AVIV 7642, SECRET/EXDIS)

6. PINOCHET-LABOR: A MODUS VIVENDI POSSIBLE

DESPITE THE POLITICIZED CONTENT OF A RECENT LETTER FROM
"DINAMICOS", A GROUP OF DEMOCRATIC UNION LEADERS, TO
THE CHILEAN PRESIDENT AND PINOCHET'S PREDICTABLE "KNEE
JERK" RESPONSE TO SUPPRESS THE GROUP, COOLER HEADS NOW
SEEM TO BE PREVAILING ON BOTH SIDES. (SANTIAGO 8239,
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